

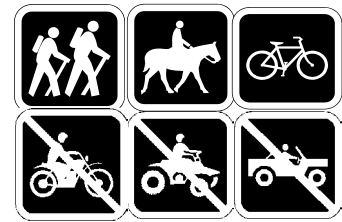


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NORTH MINGUS TRAIL #105

GENERAL INFORMATION: North Mingus Trail #105 is one of a number of popular trails serving the Mingus Mountain Recreation Area. This is a particularly attractive trail during the fall because of the changing colors of the many small pockets of aspen and other deciduous trees on the north face of Mingus Mountain. With much of the trail above 7,000 feet, there are some nice views of Jerome and the Verde Valley. TR 105 contours around Mingus Mountain and descends more than 1,000 feet to Forest Road 338 and Mescal Spring. This trail, in combination with Trail 105A and View Point Trail #106, makes for an attractive loop, allowing day trips from the Mingus Mountain Campground area. TR 105A, which takes off from TR 105 roughly 1.3 miles from the trailhead, is a well-shaded 0.5-mile trail that leads to TR 106. TR 106 climbs steeply for just under 2 miles to Forest Road 104 and the Mingus Mountain Campground. The complete loop is approximately 4 miles long, including the walk along FR 104 back to the beginning of TR 105.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bicyclists. Please be considerate of others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: From its intersection with Interstate 17 near Camp Verde, travel 12.2 miles on Hwy 260 to the junction with Hwy 89A. Turn left and go 17.1 miles, through Jerome, to the Mingus Summit and Forest Road 104. Turn left and go 2.6 miles to the Mingus Mountain Campground. Bear left to follow FR 104 to the Hang Glider Launch Site and the trailhead.

From the junction of Hwy 89/89A in Chino Valley, travel 18.8 miles on Hwy 89A to the Mingus Summit. Turn right onto FR 104 and follow the directions above.

TRAVEL TIME: 45 minutes from I-17 and Chino Valley

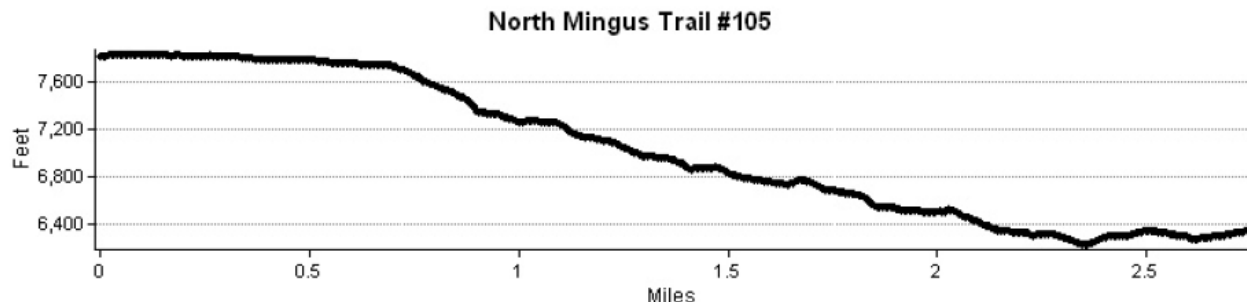
ROAD CONDITIONS: Suitable for all vehicles

HIKING TIME: 1.5 hours, one-way **LENGTH:** 3 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate **USE:** Heavy

NOTES: There is no water available at the trailhead or on the trail.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall

MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES: Prescott National Forest Map, east half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Cottonwood and Hickey Mountain, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map Sycamore Canyon Verde Valley



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Trailhead
on FR 104

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